



# House of Representatives

## File No. 824

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6579  
As Amended by House Amendment  
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
May 14, 2015

### **AN ACT CONCERNING DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS FOR CHILDREN.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) Each health care provider,  
2       who is authorized under state law to perform a physical examination  
3       of a child five years of age or under for purposes of completing, on  
4       behalf of such child, the state Department of Education's early  
5       childhood health assessment record form or the health assessment  
6       form described in section 10-206 of the general statutes, shall indicate  
7       on such record or form whether or not the health care provider  
8       performed a developmental screening during such physical  
9       examination. For purposes of this section, "developmental screening"  
10      means a screening using a method recommended by the American  
11      Academy of Pediatrics to identify concerns regarding a child's physical  
12      and mental development, including, but not limited to, the child's  
13      sensory, behavioral, motor, language, social, perceptual or emotional  
14      skills.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

The bill, which conforms current practice to statute, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

House "A", which made a clarifying change, did not result in a fiscal impact.

### ***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6579 (as amended by House "A")\******AN ACT CONCERNING DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS FOR CHILDREN.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires a health care provider, when completing the state's (1) early childhood health assessment record form (i.e., "yellow form") or (2) public school health assessment form (i.e., "blue form") for a child age five or younger, to indicate on the form whether he or she performed a developmental screening during the related examination.

Under the bill, a developmental screening means a screening that uses a method recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) to identify concerns with a child's physical and mental development, including the child's sensory, behavioral, motor, language, social, perceptual, or emotional skills.

\*House Amendment "A" adds the provision on using an AAP-recommended screening method.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015

**COMMITTEE ACTION****Public Health Committee**

Joint Favorable

Yea 27 Nay 0 (03/23/2015)

**Education Committee**

Joint Favorable

Yea 27 Nay 0 (04/17/2015)